

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 09 Mar 2023 until 23:59 on Friday 10 Mar 2023

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 08 Mar 2023 at 15:00 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for the cold generally fine conditions during Thursday and Friday, lower for the details with showers later Friday and over the weekend.

Headline for Thursday 09 Mar 2023: Mainly dry and sunny, but cold with a freshening east to northeasterly breeze.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 09 Mar 2023

Blizzards

No Likelihood

Gales

No Likelihood

Thunderstorms

No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow

No Likelihood

Severe chill effect

Medium Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain

No Likelihood

Storm force winds

No Likelihood

Poor visibility

No Likelihood

Strong sunlight

Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m

Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
							
Clear night	Clear night	Clear night	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	10%	10%	<05%

Forecast for Thursday 09 Mar 2023

Weather: Dry and clear overnight. A dry and bright day will follow with sunny spells, although high level clouds will increase with a few snow showers developing during the afternoon, these most likely over Ben Lomond and the Trossachs.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 90% becoming 70% during the afternoon over Ben Lomond and the Trossachs.

Low Cloud and visibility: Summits largely clear of cloud with excellent visibilities, but broken cloud forming in the snow showers with bases down to 600 metres and poor visibilities.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	8/10 E	8/10 NE	10/13 E	13/17 E	18/25 E	22/30 E	25/33 NE	24/32 NE	19/25 NE
900	8/11 E	8/11 E	11/14 E	12/17 E	15/22 E	18/26 E	19/28 E	18/27 NE	15/22 NE
600	10/13 NE	10/13 NE	11/14 NE	14/18 NE	16/23 NE	20/28 NE	21/28 NE	20/27 NE	14/20 NE
300	4/6 N	4/6 N	4/7 N	4/7 N	8/13 NE	11/18 NE	10/17 NE	9/16 NE	8/14 N
Glen	4/11 NE	5/12 NE	6/13 NE	9/17 NE	10/18 NE	11/21 NE	8/18 NE	7/18 NE	6/16 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-9/-15	-9/-15	-9/-16	-9/-16	-8/-16	-7/-16	-8/-18	-9/-18	-9/-18
900	-10/-16	-10/-16	-10/-16	-7/-14	-4/-11	-4/-11	-6/-14	-7/-14	-7/-14
600	-4/-10	-5/-10	-5/-10	-4/-10	-2/-8	-1/-8	-3/-10	-4/-11	-4/-11
300	-3/-6	-3/-6	-4/-6	-2/-5	1/-2	2/-2	-0/-4	-1/-6	-2/-6
Glen	-2/-5	-2/-6	-2/-6	0/-4	4/-0	4/1	2/-2	0/-3	-0/-4
Freezing Level*	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	100m	00m	00m	00m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Very cold temperatures with a significant wind chill as the winds freshen.

Forecast for Friday 10 Mar 2023

Weather: Mostly dry and cloudy overnight. A bright day will follow with some lengthy spells of sunshine, but clouds increasing later with scattered snow showers moving southeast across most ranges during the evening.

Maximum wind: North backing westerly for a time, 10-15 mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 90% decreasing 40% during the evening.

Low Cloud and visibility: Summits largely clear of cloud at first with excellent visibilities, but scattered cloud developing later in the afternoon above 700 metres, and this lowering and becoming more persistent above around 500 metres during the evening, with moderate or poor visibilities in the snow showers.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 6 rising to plus 4 Celsius.

At 800m: Minus 6 Celsius.

Freezing level: Surface to 200 metres